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In re Patent Application of

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Group Art Unit:

Continuation of International Application No.

PCT/FR 00/02362

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For: Prostatic Cell Line and Use Thereof to Obtain:

an Established Prostatic Cancer in an Animal

**BOX PATENT APPLICATION** Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to initiation of the prosecution of the above-identified pending U.S. patent application, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

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## -- CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present application is a continuation of International Application No. PCT/FR00/02362, filed August 23, 2000, which was published in French, which claims priority from French Application No. 99/10700, filed August 23, 1999, all of which are incorporated herein by reference.--

## REMARKS

The above-noted revisions to the Specification are respectfully submitted prior to initiation of the prosecution of this application in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

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The revisions to the Specification are submitted in order to clarify and correct the Specification, to conform them to all of the requirements of U.S. practice and to add the text of amendments made during International Preliminary Examination.

In view of the above, it is respectfully requested that these amendments now be entered, and that prosecution on the merits of this application now be initiated. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe such action can be taken, it is respectfully requested that he telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any objections which he may have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge applicant's Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

Respectfully submitted,

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